

1 What is claimed is:

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3 1. A set of garments, each of the garments in the set comprising:

4 a garment match indicator comprising a word describing an identifiable characteristic
5 common to the garments in the set, the garment match indicator having a color different than the
6 color of the garment,

7 wherein each of the garments is matchable to the other garments by the garment match
8 indicator.

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10 2. The set of garments of claim 1, wherein the garment match indicator comprises the name
11 of the color of the garments.

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13 3. The set of garments of claim 1, wherein the garment match indicator comprises the name
14 of the size of the garments.

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16 4. The set of garments of claim 3, further comprising a plurality of sets of garments, each
17 set of garments having a different size, wherein the name of the size of the garments for each set
18 of garments comprises a unique color.

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20 5. The set of garments of claim 1, wherein the garment match indicator comprises a
21 numeric indicator.

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23 6. The set of garments of claim 5, further comprising a plurality of sets of garments,
24 wherein each set of garments comprises a numeric indicator unique to that set.

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26 7. The set of garments of claim 4, wherein each set of garments comprises a numeric
27 indicator unique to that set.

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29 8. The set of garments of claim 1, wherein the garment match indicator comprises an
30 indication of left or right.

1 9. The set of garments of claim 1, wherein the garment match indicator comprises a day of
2 the week.

4 10. The set of garments of claim 1, wherein the garment match indicator comprises an
5 indication of when the garment is intended to be worn.

7 11. The set of garments of claim 1, further comprising a brand identifier.

9 12. The set of garments of claim 1, wherein the garment match indicator is integrally formed
10 in the garment.

12 13. The set of garments of claim 12, wherein the garment match indicator is knit in the
13 garment.

15 14. The set of garments of claim 1, wherein the garment match indicator comprises a separate
16 material attached to the garment.

18 15. The set of garments of claim 14, wherein the garment match indicator is attached to the
19 garment by a heat transfer mechanism.

21 16. A pair of socks, each sock comprising:
22 a toe, a heel, a foot portion between and including the toe and the heel, a medial side, and
23 a lateral side, the foot portion further comprising a bottom below the midline on each of the
24 medial and lateral sides of the foot portion; and
25 a sock match indicator disposed on the bottom of the foot portion comprising a word
26 describing an identifiable characteristic common to each of the socks of the pair, the color of the
27 sock match indicator being different than the color of the sock,
28 wherein each of the socks of the pair is matchable to the other by the sock match
29 indicator.

1 17. The pair of socks of claim 16, wherein the sock match indicator comprises the name of
2 the color of the socks.

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4 18. The pair of socks of claim 16, wherein the sock match indicator comprises the name of
5 the size of the socks.

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7 19. The pair of socks of claim 18, further comprising a plurality of pairs of socks, each pair
8 of socks having a different size, wherein the name of the size of the socks for each pair of socks
9 comprises a unique color.

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11 20. The pair of socks of claim 16, wherein the sock match indicator comprises a numeric
12 indicator.

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14 21. The pair of socks of claim 20, further comprising a plurality of pairs of socks, wherein
15 each pair of socks comprises a numeric indicator unique to that pair.

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17 22. The pair of socks of claim 19, wherein each pair of socks comprises a numeric indicator
18 unique to that pair.

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20 23. The pair of socks of claim 16, wherein the sock match indicator comprises an indication
21 of left or right.

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23 24. The pair of socks of claim 16, wherein the sock match indicator comprises a day of the
24 week.

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26 25. The pair of socks of claim 16, wherein the sock match indicator comprises an indication
27 of when the sock is intended to be worn.

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29 26. The pair of socks of claim 16, further comprising a brand identifier.

1 27. The pair of socks of claim 16, wherein the sock match indicator is integrally formed in
2 the sock.

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4 28. The pair of socks of claim 27, wherein the sock match indicator is knit in the sock.

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6 29. The pair of socks of claim 16, wherein the sock match indicator comprises a separate
7 material attached to the sock.

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9 30. The pair of socks of claim 29, wherein the sock match indicator is attached to the sock by
10 a heat transfer mechanism.

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12 31. A method of making a pair of matchable socks, each sock having a toe, a heel, a foot
13 portion between and including the toe and the heel, a medial side, and a lateral side, the foot
14 portion further comprising a bottom below the midline on each of the medial and lateral sides of
15 the foot portion, the method comprising:

16 programming a circular knitting machine to knit a sock match indicator on the bottom of
17 the foot portion of each sock, the sock match indicator comprising a word describing an
18 identifiable characteristic common to each of the socks of the pair, the color of the sock match
19 indicator being different than the color of the socks;

20 beginning to knit a first of the socks in the pair on the knitting machine;

21 knitting the sock match indicator on the bottom of the foot portion of the first sock as
22 programmed;

23 completing the knitting of the remainder of the first sock; and

24 repeating the beginning, knitting, and completing steps for a second of the socks in the
25 pair.

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27 32. The method of making a pair of socks in claim 31, wherein the sock match indicator
28 comprises the name of the color of the socks.

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30 33. The method of making a pair of socks in claim 31, wherein the sock match indicator
31 comprises the name of the size of the socks.

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2 34. A method of making a pair of matchable socks, each sock having a toe, a heel, a foot
3 portion between and including the toe and the heel, a medial side, and a lateral side, the foot
4 portion further comprising a bottom below the midline on each of the medial and lateral sides of
5 the foot portion, the method comprising:

6 providing a transfer label comprising a sock match indicator comprising a word
7 describing an identifiable characteristic common to each of the socks of the pair, the color of the
8 sock match indicator being different than the color of the sock;

9 aligning the transfer label with the bottom of the foot portion of a first sock of the pair of
10 socks;

11 subjecting the transfer label to conditions sufficient to transfer the label to the bottom of
12 the foot portion of the first sock; and

13 repeating the preceding steps for a second sock of the pair of socks.
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15 35. The method of making a pair of socks in claim 34, wherein the sock match indicator
16 comprises the name of the color of the socks.
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18 36. The method of making a pair of socks in claim 34, wherein the sock match indicator
19 comprises the name of the size of the socks.
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